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1. I KNOW YOU WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SWALLOW, BUT SO HELP ME BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESSEE AND SECRETARY OF DFA ALAN RENOUF TOOK ME ASIDE, SEPARATELY, TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR NEXT AMBASSADOR TO CANBERRA BEING A CAREER OFFICER. I DID NOT RPT NOT INITIATE THE SUBJECT IN EITHER INSTANCE. BOTH WILLESSEE AND RENOUF CONVEYED WITH THE UTMOST SERIOUSNESS GOA PREFERENCE FOR CAREER OFFICER OVER POLITICAL APPOINTEE.

2. WE CAN DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER UPON MY RETURN, BUT IN LIGHT OF OUR CONVERSATION LAST WEEK I THOUGHT BOTH YOU AND THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE AWARE OF THESE AUSTRALIAN VIEWS.
HANNAH

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